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Design & Access Hearings to be held for North Spokane Corridor

Phase 2, US 395, Spokane River to I-90 and I-90, Liberty Park Interchange to Sprague Avenue Interchange

The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) is in the design phase for the US 395/North Spokane Corridor from the Spokane River to I-90, and on I-90 from the Liberty Park Interchange to the Sprague Avenue Interchange. As a part of that process, the Department will hold a Design Hearing and Limited Access Hearing on the project.

These hearings will be held on Wednesday, February 26, 2003 at the Spokane Ag Trade Center, 334 West Spokane Falls Boulevard, Spokane, Washington.

Two hearings will take place on this day. The design hearing will start at 10:00 a.m. and will be in an open house format for all interested parties to attend. The Department will be presenting the design recommendations for this portion of the corridor. Citizens are encouraged to come and review the plans, discuss the material presented, and make comments to the official record. This portion of the hearing will last until 2:00 p.m.

The Limited Access hearing will follow at 3:00 p.m. This is a formal hearing with an Administrative Law Judge presiding over the proceedings. Plans will be presented by Department staff with regards to limiting access for this portion of the proposed North Spokane Corridor. Affected property owners will be invited to make comments directly into the record. This portion of the hearing will last until all affected properties have been addressed.

A court recorder will be present to document the oral comments. Written comments can also be made to the record. These do not need to be submitted immediately, but must be post marked by March 8, 2003. By law, all comments will be addressed and incorporated into the final documents of the project.

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This hearing focuses on the section of the North Spokane Corridor from the Spokane River to I-90 and I-90 from the Liberty Park Interchange to the Sprague Avenue Interchange. The design includes some city street improvements, a new eight-lane freeway, two new interchanges (at SR 290/Trent Ave. and I-90) and the addition of a collector-distributor system along I-90.

At this time construction funding has not yet been appropriated for this project. When additional funding becomes available, the Department will be able to proceed with right-of-way acquisition, final design work, and construction.

For additional information or to review the project before the hearings, interested persons may contact the project office at the following address:

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